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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Thomas C. Green et al.
Serial No. : 10/693,598 Confirmation No. 1079
Filed : October 23, 2003
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR LOADING
RADIOACTIVE SEEDS INTO BRACHYTHERAPY
NEEDLES
Group Art Unit : 3736
Examiner : John P. Lacyk

Palo Alto, CA 94301
October 4, 2004

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, applicants petition concurrently herewith for a one (1) month extension of time, extending time to respond to and including October 4, 2004. In response to the aforementioned Office Action, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.